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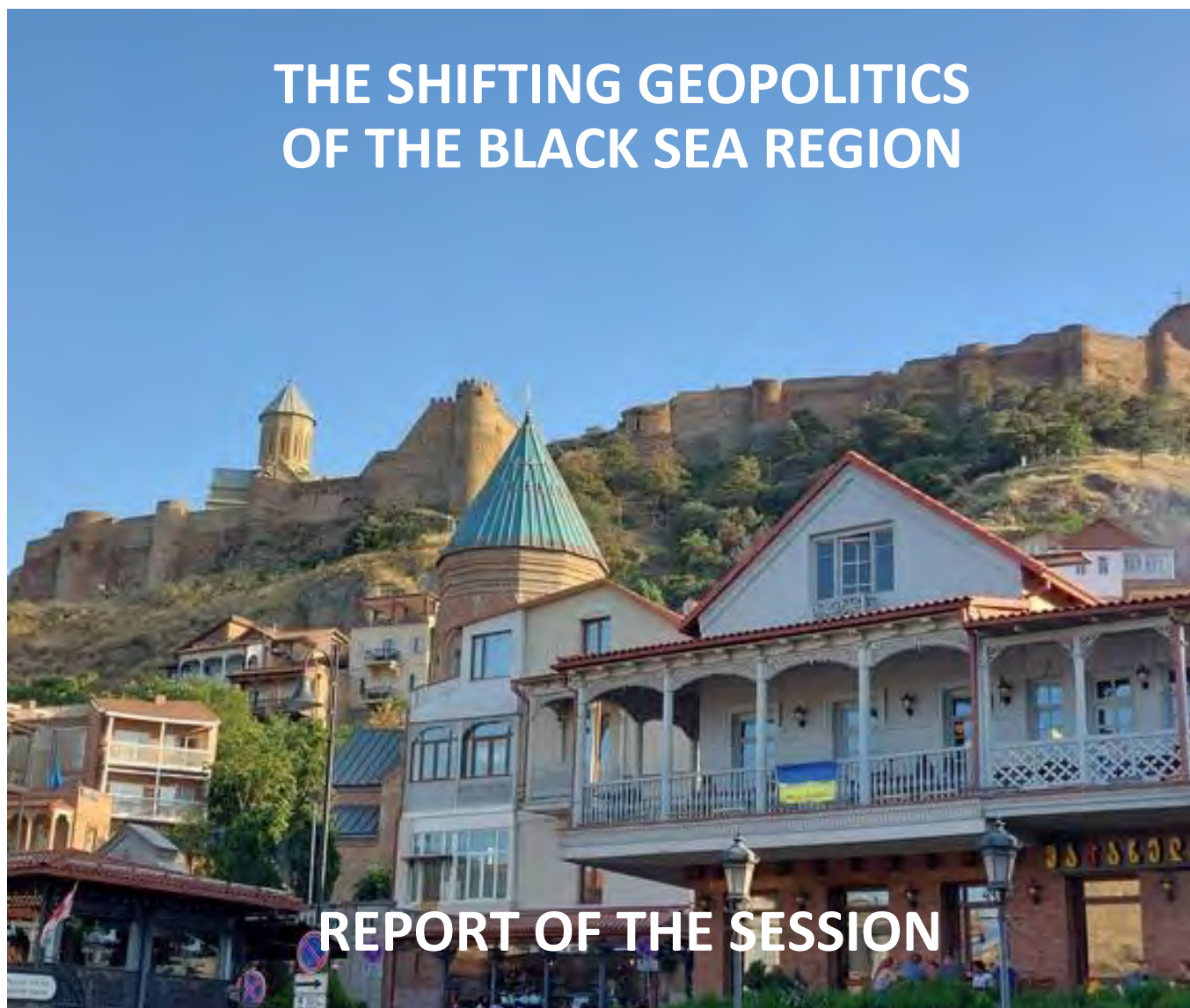
Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP)



**NEW VISION
UNIVERSITY**

BLACK SEA SUMMER UNIVERSITY

THE SHIFTING GEOPOLITICS OF THE BLACK SEA REGION



TBILISI (Georgia)

13 to 19 July 2023

The Black Sea Summer University was organised in Tbilisi, Georgia, in collaboration with the Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP) and the participation of New Vision University.

The programme took place from 13 to 19 July on the topic “The Shifting Geopolitics of the Black Sea Region”. The foreign students stayed, together with the lecturers, in a very good hotel, close to the university and easily accessible to all points of interest in Tbilisi. As the Georgian students enthusiastically took on the role of tourist guides and made their new international friends discover their capital after class, this location was very appreciated.

The academic programme was structured around a lot of topics about the geopolitical context of the Black Sea Region and specifically regarding the topical nature of the problematic situation in Ukraine. All the topics were warmly discussed in formal conferences, but with debates and interactive sessions too. The programme contained approximately 30 hours of lectures and discussions. They were conducted in English by international experts from Georgia and from countries both within and outside the European Union.

The group of almost 30 participants represented 15 different nationalities with a very large proportion of Georgian candidates. The Georgian candidates were immediately very involved in the organisation of the free time and facilitated the cultural integration of their new foreign friends. Probably because they were for the first time in a very new country for them, they immediately formed a little family, taking advantage of all the free time offered.

All the candidates completed the programme successfully and received a certificate of participation during the closing ceremony. Additionally, those students who presented some supplementary work after the session acquired ECTS Credits. At the end of the session, we also asked our students to fill out the evaluation questionnaire and comment upon our programme. Their observations showed great satisfaction.

It was noted that studying conditions were very comfortable both in the building of New Vision University and Tbilisi State University. The students agreed that the programme was very well designed and the different subjects enabled everyone to go back home with a better understanding of and new insights into Georgia and the Black Sea Region. For the working lunches, everyone really enjoyed the local food with a buffet full of delicious dishes.

In addition, the participants enjoyed a rich full-day excursion out of Tbilisi to Mtskheta, one of the oldest cities in Georgia and its former capital and had the opportunity to visit a few famous monasteries too.

Everyone, both students and teachers, considered this experience in Georgia as a great success and CIFE warmly thanks the GIP for its involvement in the preparation and organisation of the programme and New Vision University too who was the organiser for the opening session in its own building.



PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 13 JULY 2023

Arrival and accommodation of the international participants. Free time

FRIDAY 14 JULY 2023

Location: New Vision University - 11 Nodar Bokhua Street, 0159, Tbilisi

10.00 Opening session in the building of New Vision University Presentation of partners and supporters

Welcoming remarks:

Renata SKARDZIUTE-KERESELIDZE,
Deputy Director, Georgian Institute of Politics
Marie-France PERDIGON,
Director, Summer University Programme, CIFE Nice
Assoc. Prof. Irakli KOBALIA,
Dean of the School of Politics and Diplomacy, New Vision University



Presentation of the candidates

11.00: *"One and a Half Years After Russia's Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine - Implications for the Black Sea Regional Cooperation"* **Assoc. Prof. Ivanna MACHITIDZE**, Professor in International Relations, New Vision University, Georgia



12.30 - 14.00: Lunch in the cafeteria of New Vision University



14.00: *"Recent Dynamics of Europeanisation in EaP Countries"* **Prof. Gvantsa DAVITASHVILI**, Professor in International Relations, New Vision University, Georgia



16.00: Walking tour in Tbilisi with the help of the Georgian students



SATURDAY 15 JULY 2023

Location: Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
1 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi 0179

10.00: Welcoming remarks

Prof. Salome DUNDUA, Dean, Faculty of
Social and Political Sciences, Ivane
Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University



10.15: "NATO and the Black Sea Region: Towards a New Role?"

Prof. Madeleine HUBIN, Assistant Professor in International Relations and European Politics, HEC Liège
(Belgium)



11.45: "Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Implications for Georgia's Security"

Giorgi SHAISHMELASHVILI, Head of Research at Civic
IDEA/Visiting Lecturer at International Black Sea University
(IBSU)

Lunch together

14.30: "The EU's Neighbourhood Policy: A Tool for Soft Power?"

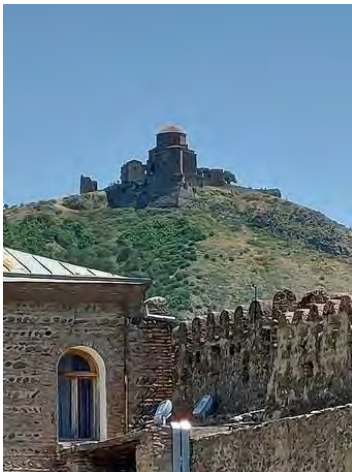
Prof. Madeleine HUBIN, Assistant Professor in International Relations and European Politics, HEC Liège (Belgium)



Free time to visit Tbilisi



SUNDAY 16 JULY 2023 Full Day Excursion to Mtskheta



MONDAY 17 JULY 2023

10.00: ***"Georgia's Defence Potential in the context of the War in Ukraine"***

Major General (Ret.) Vakhtang KAPANADZE, Deputy Director-general of Military Advanced Technologies Research, Development and Production Center FDI – DELTA/researcher of the analytical centre GeoCase.



11.45: ***"Euro-Atlantic Perspectives in the Region"***

Dr. Despina AFENTOULI, Executive Director, Institute of International Relations, Athens, Greece (IDIS)

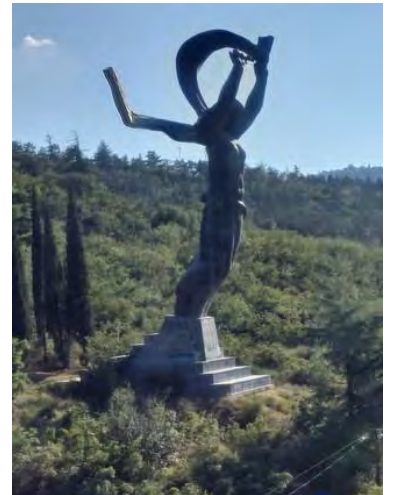
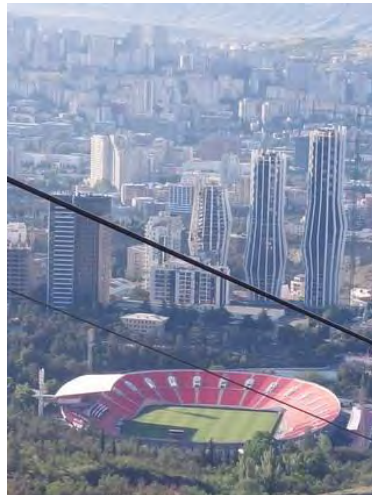
13.15: Lunch together

14.00h: ***"Georgia's Security Challenges in the context Geopolitical Shifts in the Region"***

Ambassador Ivane MATCHAVARIANI, Former Ambassador, Georgian Embassy to Japan/Co-Chairman of the Executive Board at the Georgian Strategic Analysis Centre (GSAC)



Free time to visit Tbilisi



TUESDAY 18 JULY 2023

10.00: “Europeanisation of Georgian Foreign Policy: Prospects and Challenges”

Prof. Kornely KAKACHIA, Professor of Political Science and Jean Monnet Chair, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University;
Georgian Institute of Politics



11.45:

“Georgia’s NATO and EU Integration Process”

Round Table Discussion

Dr. Despina AFENTOULI, Executive Director, Institute of International Relations, Athens, Greece (IDIS)

Oliko SHERMADINI, Political Officer, Delegation of the European Union to Georgia

Arkadiuz LEGIEC, Political Officer, the NATO Liaison Office for South Caucasus in Georgia



Lunch together

Exams for ECTS Credits for the students wishing to acquire credits

Free afternoon for the others





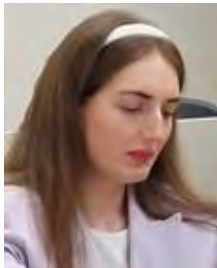
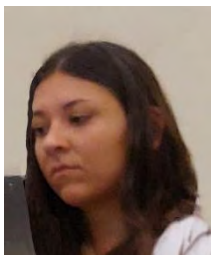



**16.30: Closing ceremony
and distribution of the Certificates**






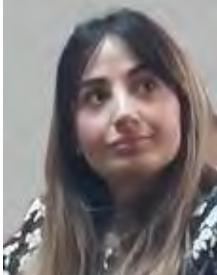





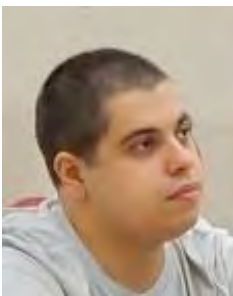

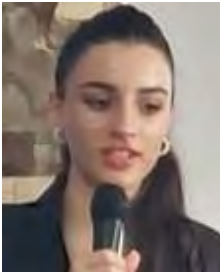
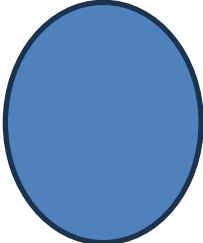

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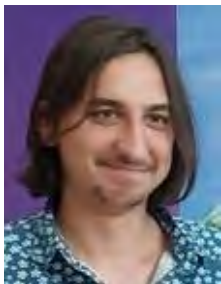


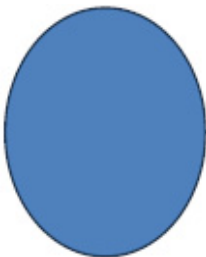


Departure of the international participants

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EVALUATION

The students unanimously agreed that the programme was very well designed. The academic part dealt with very relevant topics and the participants thus went home with a better understanding of and new insights into Georgia, the region and its challenges. The tourist and cultural programme was very appreciated too.

Evaluation of the lecturers:

Of course, the academic programme would not have been such a success without the efforts of the lecturers. Both the teachers from Georgia and the foreign lecturers were highly appreciated by the students and more than once awarded with grades of 10 points out of 10. Some presentations were considered a little bit too long and a break between each course would have been appreciated. In spite of this, the participants were very satisfied with the programme and the relations with the organisers and the administrative assistance before and during the programme. “Friendly”, “responsive” and “flexible” are some of the qualifications used to describe the approach.



General evaluation of the session:

All the candidates, from Georgia and abroad, enjoyed the Black Sea Summer University very much. They learnt a lot about the country and its region, thanks to both the very interesting lectures and the cultural and tourist activities. Some would have preferred more variety in the meals even if they really enjoyed the food. Generally speaking, as usual, the session was considered too short. Everyone would have liked to stay longer.

CONCLUSION:

CIFE warmly thanks the Georgian partners for their involvement and especially Nini, for her very friendly and useful collaboration.

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